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1. On 25 May 1951, the headquarters of the General Staff of Democratic Republic of Vietnam (DRV) forces, under Hoang Van Thai, was transferred from Cho Moi, Bac Kan Province, to Luong Son, in the mountains northeast of Hoa Binh.
2. Following their attacks on the Phat Diem-Ninh Binh-Phu Ly front, DRV forces concentrated in the Chine-Phu Nho Quan area. Now, in an attempt to retain the initiative, to divide and destroy French forces and to avoid large concentrations of its own troops, the DRV High Command has formulated the following plan of action:
 - a. The 320* Division will remain on the Day River line to resist the advance of French forces.
 - b. One-half of the 308 Division is enroute to Diem Dien (106-34, 20-34) to rebuild DRV resistance zones destroyed during "Operation Meduse," the French mopping-up campaign in the Red River delta area.
 - c. The other half of the 308 Division plus the 312 Division is enroute to Ba Vi (105-21, 21-04) to prepare an offensive southwest of Sontay.
 - d. The 304* Division is proceeding to Intersector IV with instructions to encircle Yen Son and Phat Diem.
 - e. The 316 Division is enroute to Phu Tho from Bac Giang and will launch operations in the Vinh Yen-Phuc Yen sector.

Comment. The 320 Division was erroneously designated as the 304 Division in Section "a" of the original report, instead of in Section "d" as suggested in the Washington Comment of the preliminary dissemination.

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